



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Our contractor will continue working the segment of Sandlake Road from M.P. 1.05 to M.P. 1.71 next week. With next week being the July 4th weekend, there will be no traffic delays on Friday July 2, 2004.

This week was more of the same problems, mud, plank road, roots and soft, soft blue clay. We even had stumps with their roots intact buried in the road. These stumps were large, with a major root spread of over 8 foot. Surrounding these stumps and roots is wet slimy mud adding to our waste disposal problems. More surprises every week, it would not surprise me to find someone's old car buried in the roadway. Remember this Friday, June 25th you will again encounter those momentary traffic delays. Based on not hearing or receiving any negative comments about last Friday, we are assuming these momentary traffic delays are working. Again, I would like to extend big "Thank You" for everyone's patience.

The work scheduled for next week will include breaking up the remaining old asphalt surface in this work segment for incorporation into the new roadway and building the new roadway with gravel. Initially the Contractor had hopes of having a short section ready for asphalt this week, but with rain in the forecast and the added excavation of unsuitable material the goal was changed to expand the work area for work efficiency.

This week we had another new person join our group, that of Hank Rettinger. Hank is on a Student Trainee Employment Program that provides college students the opportunity to earn money for school and expose them to construction work. Hank is in his second season of working for us and plans on going back to school in September. He grew up in the Vancouver Washington area, but has elected to become a resident of Tillamook County. With two temporary student trainees Hank and Jason assigned to this project you might see two people doing inspection work at any one location. Just keep in mind these are folks that are continuing their education experience in a working environment. The program benefits everyone when new engineers not only have skills and knowledge to analyze a problem they have the experience to weigh their solution against past work. So when you see that red Dodge on the job its likely one of our student trainees, so take a second and say "Hi" in passing, it will brighten their day and balance out the yelling and rear chewing I might need to do someday.

*** * EXPECT 30-MINUTE DELAYS DAWN TO DUSK ****
Monday thru Thursday this week.